U.S. assistance for immunisation programme

1865. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has offered assistance worth six million dollars for India's immunisation programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) USAID have indicated their intention to contribute $ 65 million under the Child Survival Health Support Project. Universal Immunisation is one of the components, under the project and, a support to the tune of $ 25 million for the activity has been indicated thereunder. The assistance, when finalised will be channelled through the UNICEF.

Under the Vaccine Action Immunodiagnostic Project, USAID have indicated their willingness to provide assistance to the extent of $ 6 million. This project is intended to develop vaccine for a wider range of diseases that can be prevented by immunisation programme and also to develop accurate, inexpensive diagnostic techniques for use under the Indian Health care system. Activities to be supported will also include a collaborative research awards programme, a center for acidemiologic research and training and field trials of malaria vaccines. The agreement in this regard has not yet been signed.

Filling the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association

1866. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fill the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association through election; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: (a) The post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association is not filled by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas

1867. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the sale of non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Notification banning the sale of non-iodised salt has already been issued in the following goitre prone areas:

(i) Entire State of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Chandigarh.

(ii) 20 districts of Uttar Pradesh, 2 districts of Haryana, 12 districts of Madhya Pradesh, 19

districts of Bihar, 6 districts of Maharashtra, 1 district of Gujarat and 5 districts of West Bengal.

The State Governments of Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, U.T. of Delhi have also been advised to issue notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt in their respective State/U.T. Similarly, the Government of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Haryana have also been advised to extend the ban notification to their entire States.

Ban of strike in the hospitals and medical institutes

1868. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the acute hardship faced by people due to frequent strikes by nurses, doctors or other employees, Government propose to declare Government hospitals in Delhi as essential services; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Strike call by D.T.C. Mazdoor Congress

1869. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Member Congress of the Delhi Transport Corporation has given notice of an indefinite strike from 1st May, 1987;

(b) if so, what are their demands;

(c) what action Government have taken on their demands; and

(d) what are the steps taken by authorities to face the strike by the Delhi Transport Corporation Mazdoor Congress workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHR RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Delhi Transport Corporation Mazdoor Congress, who had given the notice of strike, to press for demand of applicability of 4th Pay Commission recommendations to Delhi Transport Corporation employees, has since withdrawn their call for strike.

Railway accommodation occupied by retired employees

1870. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of different types of Government accommodation provided by Northern Railway are occupied by retired railway employees in Delhi as well as in other sectors of Northern Railway;

(b) whether in many cases no action has been taken at appropriate level to get these accommodation vacated, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to get such accommodation vacated from reirted railway employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In many of the cases the eviction proceedings have been started against the staff occupying railway quarters unauthorisedly beyond the permitted period after their retirement and in other cases proceedings are being initiated.

(c) Action as follows is being taken:—(i) Eviction proceedings;